THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. India is setting up a Tsunami and Storm Surges Forecasting and Early Warning System suitable for the Indian Ocean. We shall be interacting with other international agencies including Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre (PTWC).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. A tsunami and storm surges warning system is proposed to be set up with the following components;—

Strengthening of the existing seismological network to indicate near real time occurrence of a tsunamigenic earthquake.

Installation of tsunami warning sensors close to the ocean bottom at appropriate locales in the Indian Ocean, with real time connectivity.

Tide gauge and data buoys networking.

Modeling of the inundation scenarios for the entire coast.

The establishment of a centre for collection of the information, analysis and generating status advisories.

Control on different rates of Cellular and WLL Telephones

2495. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the different rates by different cellular and WLL service providers in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the control Government have on such rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) In terms of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Act, 1997, TRAI has been mandated for fixation of tariff for telecom services. The Telecommunication Tariff Order (TTO) 1999 and as amended from time to

time has forborne the tariffs for basic & cellular servics with the exception of tariff for rural fixed lines in basic services and roaming charges for cellular services. Thus the TTO provides flexibility to all cellular and WLL service providers to fix their own tariffs within its framework. Both the cellular and WLL operators offer a number of tariff options for their subscribers and these vary in terms of combinations of monthly rentals, call charges and free call allownaces. There are quite a large number of alternatives in each service area and subscriber can choose from among these tariff options depending upon his usage pattern.

(c) TRAI has mandated that the tariffs to be implemented by cellular and WLL operators are to be consistent with the regulatory principle in all respects which, *inter-alia,* include, Interconnect Usage Charge (IUC) compliance, non-discrimination and non-predation. It is also mandatory for the service providers to report tariffs to the regulator within 7 days after implementation. The TTO also provides the tariff offered should remain valid for a minimum period of six months from the date of enrolment of the subscriber to that tariff plan. The TTO also envisages that any service provider in a service area can offer upto 25 tariff plans at a given point of time. Thus the Government exercises control on tariff through the above provisions of TTO.

Cyber crimes

2496. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that present Information Technology Act, 2000 is inadequate to deal with cyber crimes in the country;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to amend the law immediately;

(c) whether Government are aware that newest cyber logs such as webcam, cell phone, cameras and digicoms are playing havoc in Indian society preferably in schools and colleges; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to play various